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THE Rev. J. C. Street begs to acknowledge receipt of the following contributions in aid of the publication and gratuituous circulation of the *Chronicle and Index*. J. Barron, Douglas, 2/6 ; A Friend, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 5/-.

THE Evening Services in Mr. Street's Church are over for the present season. They began in October and ended the first Sunday in May. They were largely attended throughout, and the important topics treated in the pulpit were listened to with great interest. New faces were seen at each service, though many persons seem to have attended the whole course of lectures. Mr. Street has had many letters from persons attending, expressing their gratitude, and their regret that the evening services are over. But it is well after the long period of hard labour that the Preacher should have a period of comparative rest, that he may gather up strength for another season. In the meantime those who are seeking spiritual food and refreshment, can find fresh pastures in other churches. It is well that there should be variety in both intellectual and spiritual food.

WE regret to note that the Rev. F. M. Blair, whose illness we referred to some months ago, and who went away on a long voyage in search of health, has died during the journey. The young life full of promise has ended on earth, and the career of usefulness in the Ministry has suddenly been ended. But it is not only in many days that a sweet life may be lived. "In short measures life may perfect be." Our brother has passed away, and gone home. Fresh soldiers of God will fill up the broken ranks.

THE Children's Services at Rosemary Street, on Sunday, May 4th, and at Hopeton Street, on May 18th, were well attended and were specially interesting. At the former service, when the school was full of children, Mr Darbishire, Mr. Allen (London), Mr. Graham and Rev. C. J. Street (Glasgow), officiated, and a very happy time was spent. The children sang heartily and listened eagerly to the interesting addresses that were delivered. At Hopeton Street the service was conducted by Miss J. E. Bruce, Messrs. Drummond and Bulmer, and the Rev. J. C. Street delivered an address on "Kindness to Animals." Here also the singing was of the heartiest nature, and the whole service was very cheering.

OUR friends at Mountpottinger are to be congratulated. They were not long without a Minister. Since they parted with Mr. Wright, they have had the valued services of the Rev. J. E. Stronge, who has kept the work alive and maintained every institution of the church in efficiency, and now they have their new minister, Mr. Reynolds, settled among them. He commenced his work on Sunday, May 18th. We wish him every success in his new undertaking, and trust that the congregation may grow under his fostering care.

THE 53rd ANNIVERSARY.

The annual sermons of the Unitarian Society were preached in the Second Congregation, Belfast and at Moneyrea, on Sunday, May 4th, by the Rev. W. Sharman, F.G.S., of Preston. In the morning the preacher took as his text Rom. viii. 12, and spoke from it of "Debts and duties." The obligations of the Unitarians, he remarked, to their forefathers in faith were very sacred, and imposed upon them serious duties. Early Unitarians were men who believed that religion was concerned with daily life. They tried to make their politics as good as their religion, and sought to establish the kingdom of God on earth. In that attempt they did not shrink from the use of unpopular methods or from association with unpopular persons. They sought justice for all men, without regard to nationality or creed. To-day fidelity to those examples was of great importance. The state of society was corrupt and iniquitous. The belief in the fatherhood of God must be accompanied by work for the removal of all things that conflicted with the brotherhood of man. In the evening the subject of discourse was "The New Reformation." The preacher, after a brief

reference to the Protestant Reformation, spoke of the social, political, and scientific progress of the century, and of its effect upon theological and ecclesiastical ideas.

The collections amounted in the Second Congregation to upwards of £35, and at Moneyrea to about £3.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BREAKFAST.

On Monday, the 5th inst., the annual breakfast in connection with the Sunday-school organisation was held in the Lombard Hall, the Rev. J. C. STREET, presiding. There was a large attendance, amongst those present being the Rev. J. E. Stronge, Harold Rylett, T. Dunkerley, B.A. (Comber), C. J. Street, M.A. (Glasgow), W. Sharman, F.G.S. (Preston), and Messrs. James Graham (Glasgow), Frederick Allen (London), Hugh Hyndman, LL.D., H. D. Darbishire, B.A., J. Vinycomb, Robert M'Calmont, F.C.S., John Ritchie, John R. Neill, Thomas Stronge, W. J. Roche, Daniel Bulmer, Max Schmidt, William Moore, George Fisher, William Palfreyman, James Worthington, Mansell Smith, Thomas E. Osborne, W. A. Adamson, Colonel Glancey, and Drs. Joseph Nelson and John M'Caw.

After an excellent breakfast, the CHAIRMAN, in his opening statement, apologised for the absence of Dr. Ritchie, who was obliged to go to London, or otherwise he would, as usual, have been amongst them. This was much to be regretted, as he had always taken a deep interest in the Society. The Unitarian Association, about which more would be said at the evening meeting, was this year celebrating its fifty-third anniversary, and, at the end of this time, he must say that it was in a more vigorous and prosperous condition, so far as its work and finances were concerned, than it had been at any period of its history. The branch association whose interests they were met to promote that morning was that which pertained to the Sunday-school work. It would be in the recollection of most of their friends that there was an organisation called the Northern Sunday-school Association, which existed side by side with the Unitarian Society for some forty years, and always in the most intimate and friendly relationship with it, although it had a separate existence. A few years ago it was thought that, as the same men and women were associated with both, and that they were generally interested in the work of the two, it would be better to unite them into one organisation, so that there might be a conservation of the strength of the workers, and so the two institutions, being united, might be more prosperous than when divided. That union had taken place, and the Northern Sunday-school Association was now part and parcel of the Unitarian Society. The United Society appointed every year a committee having charge of Sunday-school work, and their business was to look after the literature that was produced during the year in any part of the world that might be deemed serviceable, to attend to the education of the young, and to call the attention of these schools to such books as were useful for class work or for libraries. They also had committed to their charge the duty of summoning at different periods of the year teachers and friends interested in Sunday-school work, so that in conference they might talk over such matters as were really interesting to the well-being of the schools. A brief report would be submitted that morning by the secretary, Mr. Darbishire, giving a short account of the work of the Committee during the year, and they would see from it that these matters to which he had called attention had been under their care. The Sunday-schools in connection with them were not numerous, nor were they very large. He was, however, glad to say from his own observation that those schools with which they were most intimately associated were all in a very prosperous and growing position, that there was an earnest life both among teachers and scholars, and that there was abundant evidence that the workers were not striving in vain, that the young people were being built up in a beauty and holiness of life which would tell hereafter upon their position and work in this world. He might say in the presence of their English and Scotch friends with them that morning that their Irish schools would bear very little comparison with theirs, and especially when put side by side with those in Lancashire or Cheshire. They were not so numerous or so largely attended, nor did they reach the same class of people, with here and there an exception. The Sunday-schools here were composed of the children of the members of their churches, so that, in fact, they became juvenile churches, and they had services in connection with these schools

which were a good preparation in the minds and hearts of the young people for the higher services they would hereafter render, and the worship they would engage in as men and women. They were not able to do the precise work their English and Scotch friends were performing, and they had only one or two schools that actually corresponded with theirs, viz., those in Hopeton and Stanhope Streets, and, with some little modification, those at Mountpottinger and in York Street. The Chairman then introduced to the meeting the Rev. Mr. Sharman, Mr. F. Allen, of London, and Mr. Graham, of Glasgow, and concluded by expressing the pleasure that it gave the Association to have them amongst them that morning. (applause.)

Mr. J. M. DARBISHIRE then read the following report of the Sunday-school Committee :—

THE Sunday School Committee has met *six* times during the year.

It has promoted and held *two* Conferences, which have been largely attended by teachers and elder scholars. At the first of these, held on December 4th, in Rosemary Street Schools, a suggestive paper was read by the Rev. J. E. Stronge, on "The Religious Education of the Young," J. M. Darbishire, Esq., presided. An animated and fruitful discussion followed the paper. At the second Conference, held on March 8th, also in the Rosemary Street Schools, a valuable paper was read by Mr. James Worthington, entitled, "The work of Sunday Schools viewed in its bearing upon and relation to General Social Life." R. M'Calmont, Esq., presided. The discussion which followed was of a practical character, and commanded, as the paper had done, the close attention of the large meeting of teachers and friends.

The Sunday School Committee was represented at the great Sunday School gatherings in London and Todmorden during the year.

Great attention has been paid to the Literature published during the year for use in Schools and Libraries, and useful additions have been made to the Class Books and to the various Sunday School Libraries.

Mr. ROBERT M'CALMONT moved "That the Report of the Sunday School Committee be adopted, and published with the other proceedings of the Anniversary in the *Chronicle and Index*," and suggested that modern works published in connection with their Central Association should be used by teachers in Sunday Schools in order properly to interpret the meaning of the Bible.

Mr. JOHN R. NEILL seconded the motion.

The Rev. C. J. STREET, M.A., of Glasgow, in supporting the resolution, said that he was glad to see the Sunday-schools becoming feeders for the churches. The present time was one of inanition, and he had no doubt that when the educational system had become more secured the problem would solve itself more satisfactorily than at the present time. The use of the Bible in Sunday-schools was a debatable question. The Bible was the most difficult book in the world; and, when they knew that grown-up people found it difficult to understand it, they must recognise that it would be still more difficult for children. Therefore he did not believe in using the Bible as a mere text book from which lessons were to be read week after week without discrimination, consecutive arrangement, or idea of chronological order, and the books alluded to by previous speakers would be valuable aids to the proper study of the Bible. They found a tendency, especially among the working classes of England and Scotland, to absent themselves from public worship of any kind, and, not only that, but they kept their children away, or exercised an influence which directly or indirectly produced that result. They found by the last religious census that in Glasgow only 17 per cent. of the whole population were in attendance at any religious service on a given Sunday, and that was a very significant fact which they had to face. Parents and children both were involved in this. Their distinct work, in reference to the children, was to train them up in a religious and moral life, fixing within them those principles which would enable them to become better men and women. When he said religious he did not necessarily mean theological; but, in some parts, it was absolutely necessary that children should receive theological instruction. He was not one of those who believed children's minds should not be biassed. If they did not bias the minds of their children to their own belief they might rely on some one outside doing it in reference to some other belief; and therefore he thought it was necessary to teach their own theological views in the elder classes.

Mr. J. M. DARBISHIRE then moved—"That we offer a warm welcome to the representatives of kindred associations who have honoured us with their presence this year."

Mr. HUGH HYNDMAN, LL.D., seconded the motion. He would be sorry that their friends from a distance should leave with the idea that there was no moral or religious teaching given in the homes of members of the Unitarian Church. He for one had always been accustomed to hear religious and moral instruction in his own home.

The Rev. W. SHARMAN, in response, said that he quite agreed with the remarks of a previous speaker as to impressing upon the minds of the young their own particular opinions which they had reached as a result of their most careful thought and earnest intellectual toil. Their thoughts on religion should be among their most valuable possessions, and, being so valuable, they should go the best way about influencing the minds of the young people in that direction.

Mr. FREDERICK ALLEN, of London, and Mr. GRAHAM, of Glasgow, also responded.

The Rev. T. DUNKERLEY, B.A. moved, and Mr. BULMER seconded, a vote of thanks to the

Rev. J. C. Street.

The Rev. J. C. STREET, in acknowledging the resolution, said, he was much gratified by the attendance to-day. As they all knew various changes had come over their organisation and work in Belfast. For a time a very dark cloud hung over all their prospects; difficulties of a painful character were intensified; friends who had once associated together were separated, and it seemed as though their various institutions were likely to be destroyed. These clouds had been gradually removed, and although all those divided were not yet reunited, still there was that day a much more kindly feeling even amongst those who were divided than prevailed years ago; and it seemed that there might be an early day dawning among them, when there would be a possibility at least of all meeting together again, and joining in a new life. On behalf of the Society, he could certainly say that they had desired from the beginning, and they desired now, that there should be a full resumption of all brotherly and sisterly relations, that they should unite together, trusting in each other's conscientiousness and fidelity, and working for a common purpose in the best way they could. When the separation took place, it was after an expression on their part that there should be no separation. Their doors had always been open to reconciliation, and at the close of these years he was proud to say that their doors were still open, their hearts open, and their hands outstretched. They would not only be ready to receive their friends back, but, as in that parable of the Prodigal Son—if he might dare to make the allusion—they would go forth many a step upon the road that there might be a thorough resumption of all kindly and loving relations—(applause). He thought their meeting was larger than any of the meetings ever held in the days when they seemed to be united, and there was this difference in their present meeting—that they were absolutely united. He was sure the Association would go on prospering—(applause).

The proceedings were then brought to a close by Mr. STREET pronouncing the benediction.

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Monday the annual meeting was held in the Lecture Hall, Rosemary Street—Mr. HUGH HYNDMAN, LL.D., presiding. There was a large attendance, including the Revs. J. C. Street, W. Sharman, F.G.S.; T. Dunkerley, B.A.; C. J. Street, M.A.; H. Rylett, J. E. Stronge, F. Thomas, J. A. Kelly, James Cooper, and A. Lancaster; Messrs. M. Smith, W. Palfreyman, W. Bennett (Moneyrea), H. Darbishire, W. Moore, J. Graham (Glasgow), D. Bulmer, James Hamilton, Henry Hunter, J. R. Neill, F. Allen (London), J. M. Darbishire, S. H. Street, George Fisher, J. A. Pinkerton, Robert M'Calmont, F.C.S.; J. Kinnear, jun.; John Greenfield, J. F. Mulligan, John M'Giffin, D. Balfour, A. Millin, John Ritchie, James Kinnear, sen.; W. A. Adamson (Carrickfergus), George Muirhead, D. M'Master (Moneyrea), J. Vinycomb, James Worthington, F. E. Dale, &c.

The Rev. J. C. STREET having opened the meeting by prayer,

The CHAIRMAN said he had great faith in that Society, and he was very glad to have that opportunity of taking part in its proceedings. There was a great deal of work to be done in this community, where sectarian feelings were entertained with such intolerance and bitterness, and he felt sure that, under the guidance of the Committee of the Society, it would do a vast amount of good in the future.

The Rev. J. C. STREET then read the following report:—

YOUR Committee have pleasure in laying before you the 53rd Annual Report of the Society.

At the meeting of the General Committee, held immediately after the Annual Meeting. Dr. W. B. Ritchie, J.P., was appointed President for the year; Vice-Presidents were also appointed, and the Committee for the management of the Sunday School Branch of the Society.

The Executive Committee have met 13 times during the year, and the attendance of Members has been as follows:—

W. A. Adamson, 0.	John Bennett, 2.
W. C. Dobbin, 5.	Rev. T. Dunkerley, 9.
George Fisher, 10.	Rev. J. A. Kelly, 1.
T. M'Clelland, J.P. 10.	Dr. J. M'Caw, 6.
R. M'Calmont, F.C.S. 6	J. F. Mulligan, 3.
Rev. H. Rylett, 1.	Dr. John Polly, 3.
Rev. F. Thomas, 0.	Rev. J. J. Wright, 5.

D. Bulmer, 3.

Dr. HYNDMAN, Treasurer till September, 3.

MANSEL SMITH, Committee and Treasurer since September, 9.

Rev. J. C. STREET,	*Hon. Secs.*	12,
J. M. DARBISHIRE,		9,

The Treasurer commenced the year with a balance on hand amounting to £70 15s. 11d., his receipts during the year have been £400 3s. 5½d., and his expenditure £365 14s. 3½d., leaving at end of the financial year a balance in favour of the Society amounting to £105 5s. 1d.

The Sales at the Depository during the year amounted to the sum of £270 10s. 8½d. This was not so large an amount as in the previous year. But the sales and distribution of Tracts and other religious literature was larger than ever before.

The *Chronicle and Index* has been regularly published, and it has continued to be a welcome monthly visitor to thousands of homes. The voluntary contributions and advertisements towards its cost have amounted to the sum of £18 9s. 6d., contributed mostly in small sums, and by many persons shewing a wide-spread interest in the little periodical. The amount expended by the Society in its publication is certainly well employed.

In the month of May your late agent, Miss Dickson, resigned her office, and left with the good-will and respect of your Committee. Miss Kate Fisher was appointed as her successor, and has discharged the duties of the office with great intelligence and efficiency.

During the year your Committee received, with deep regret, the resignation by Dr. Hyndman, of the office of Treasurer, an office filled by him with great ability for many years. The death of his partner, and the pressure of his professional engagements necessitated the step; but your Committee were grieved at the severance of a bond which had existed for so long a period. They conveyed a warm vote of thanks to him for his faithful services.

The difficulty of finding a suitable successor to Dr. Hyndman was happily overcome by the willingness of Mr. Mansel Smith to undertake the duties. Mr. Smith is now engaged in the discharge of the duties of this important office.

Mr. Smith's appointment as Treasurer, left a vacancy on the Committee, which was satisfactorily filled by the election of Mr. D. Bulmer.

The Rev. J. J. Wright, who took an active interest in the Society, remained a Member of Committee until he left Belfast for Cradley. Your Committee were sorry to lose so valuable a colleague, and they heartily wish him well in his new sphere of labour.

During the year your Society was represented at the Annual Meeting of the British and Foreign Association, by Rev. J. C. Street and R. M'Calmont, F.C.S.; at the Scottish Unitarian Association by the same gentlemen; at the Midland Christian Union, by R. M'Calmont, F.C.S.; at the Sunday School Association, London, by Rev. J. C. Street and R. M'Calmont, F.C.S., and at the Manchester District Sunday School Association, by Rev. T. Dunkerley, B.A. At all these meetings your representatives were most courteously received.

Through the kindness of the Rev. R. R. Suffield, your Committee were enabled to publish a large Edition of his valuable Lecture entitled "Why I became a Unitarian?" It is having a wide circulation.

The Committee have also either published or assisted other Societies and individuals in publishing a number of useful and suggestive tracts during the year. These have all been noticed in the pages of the *Chronicle and Index*, and need not be further referred to in this Report, except that it may be said the Committee believe that these publications have aided the cause of a Free and Reverent Christianity.

Your Committee give back into your hands the trust you confided to them, feeling that though their work has neither been very extensive nor very prominent, that it has nevertheless been operating as a little leaven in the mass of dogma and superstition, and that in a quiet way, it has had a useful influence in cleaning away difficulties, opening up broader fields of thought, stimulating loftier endeavours to find God's truth, and promoting a deeper and diviner holiness in personal life.

Mr. MANSELL SMITH then submitted the treasurer's report as follows:—

Dr. *The Treasurer in a/c with the Unitarian Society for the year ending, 31st December,* 1883. **Cr.**

RECEIPTS.				£	s.	d.
To Balance from 1882, ...				70	15	11
,, Congregational Collections :—						
Belfast	£40	5	3			
Killinchy,	1	10	0			
Moneyrea,	5	0	0			
Carrickfergus,	2	15	0			
				49	10	3
SUBSCRIPTIONS.						
,, Belfast, ...	£45	11	0			
,, Carrickfergus, ...	1	5	0			
,, Ballee, ...	0	2	6			
,, Comber, ...	0	17	6			
,, Rademon, ...	0	18	0			
,, Dromore, ...	0	13	6			
,, Ballyclare, ...	0	5	0			
,, Moneyrea, ...	3	5	0			
				52	17	6
,, *Chronicle and Index*—						
Donations, ...	6	1	6			
Advertisements,	12	8	0			
				18	9	6
,, Sunday School, Breakfasts, &c., ...				3	15	6
,, Reading Society, ...				2	10	0
,, Rents, ...				2	10	0
,, Receipts at Depository, ...				270	10	8½
				470	19	4½

EXPENDITURE.				£	s.	d.
By Incidental Expenses,						
Salary to Agents,	32	10	0			
Agents for Sundries,	22	11	0			
Secretarial,	1	10	0			
Anniversary Expenses,	11	18	2			
Rent, Taxes, and Insurance, ...	35	10	9			
				103	19	11
,, Sunday School, Breakfast, Deputations, &c.,				5	2	8½
,, Reading Society, ...				2	8	11
,, *Chronicle and Index*, Printing, ...				23	12	0
,, Repairs and Furniture, ...				11	10	9
,, Books and Stationery, ...				219	0	0
,, Balance, ...				105	5	1
				470	19	4½

Mr. J. M. DARBISHIRE, moved "That the Report and Statement of Accounts be adopted and printed in the *Chronicle and Index*," and referred to the absence of Mr. Thomas M'Clelland, J.P., who was to have done so, and whose heart and sympathies were present with them that evening. He said that at the commencement of the financial year they had a balance in hands of £70 15s. 11d., and at the close of the period that balance had been increased to £105 5s. 1d., proved that financially, as well as numerically, their Society was in a flourishing and healthy condition. The doors of the Unitarian Society were not closed to anyone. They were glad to see and heartily welcome all who desired to join their association.

Mr. JOHN RITCHIE briefly seconded the motion.

The Rev. HAROLD RYLETT supported the motion, which showed that the work of the association had been quietly and efficiently done —efficiently, he could say, because he had nothing to do with it. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) He had been present at only one meeting during the year but the busy time he had of it at Moneyrea prevented him from giving that attention to the business he was desirous of doing. In the course of his address, he said he believed they were face to face with the most dogmatic Calvinism that had ever appeared in the civilised world. There was, he reminded his hearers, a Pan-Presbyterian Council coming to Belfast, and it would be interesting to know what new features of thought and life this Council would introduce. He could not anticipate, but he mentioned the fact in order that those whom he addressed might keep their eye on the Pan-Presbyterian Council. His idea of the Unitarian Church was that the should stand faithful to the idea of liberty and the spread of a liberal religious spirit.

Mr. GEORGE FISHER also supported the resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

The following gentlemen having been nominated as Committee and Officers for the ensuing year, were declared to be duly elected.

W. A. Adamson, T. M'Clelland J.P.
John Bennett, Dr. John M'Caw,
Daniel Bulmer, R. M'Calmont, F.C.S.
W. C, Dobbin, D. W. Moore,
Rev. T. Dunkerly, B.A. J. F. Mulligan,
Geo. Fisher, Dr. Joseph Nelson,
Rev. J. A. Kelly, Dr. John Polly,
Rev. H. Rylett,

Treasurer:
Mansel Smith,

Secretaries:
Rev. J. C. Street, J. M. Darbishire.

Auditors:
John M. Dobbin, F. E. Dale.

Mr. GEORGE FISHER proposed, and Mr. M'MASTER, of Moneyrea, seconded, "That our hearty thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the Rev. W. Sharman, for his kindness in preaching the Anniversary Sermons."

The Rev. W. SHARMAN suitably responded.

The Rev. T. DUNKERLEY moved, and Mr. HERBERT DARBISHIRE seconded, "That we rejoice to recognise the fraternal bonds which unite the various Unitarian organisations in the United Kingdom, and that we extend a hearty welcome to the representatives from England and Scotland who are present with us this evening."

Mr. GRAHAM (Glasgow), gave an interesting account of the progress and working of the Unitarian Church in Scotland. Referring to Unitarianism, he thought there was only some enthusiasm required in order that its spirit might become universal.

Mr. ALLEN (London), said, as the representative of the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, he would take back to London an encouraging report of the working of the Society whose meeting was being held. The primary object of the London Association was the extension of civil and religious liberty all the world over.

The Rev. C. J. STREET moved—"That believing that freedom of inquiry and fidelity of speech are most favourable to the discovery of truth, we hail every sign of freedom and outspokeness all the world over."

The Rev. J. C. STREET then delivered a stirring address. Mr. Neill moved, and Mr. Worthington seconded, "That Dr. Hyndman do now leave the Chair and that J. M. Darbishire Esq., do take the same," and

"That the very hearty thanks of this meeting be given to Dr. Hyndman for presiding on this occasion and for his long services to the Society as one of its Committee and as its Honorary Treasurer.

Dr. HYNDMAN suitably responded, and Mr. Street concluded the proceedings with prayer.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The first meeting of the General Committee was held at the Depository, on Wednesday, June 14th, the Rev. J. C. Street, Vice-President, in the chair.

Mr. DARBISHIRE read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved and signed.

APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENT.

The CHAIRMAN said the first business was the appointment of a President for the year, and he suggested that Dr. Hyndman should be invited to fill the position. The suggestion was warmly adopted, and, on the motion of Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Mulligan Dr. Hyndman was unanimously appointed.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The list of Vice-Presidents found on p. 48 was then unanimously agreed upon.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

The Sunday-school Committee was then appointed. (See p. 48.)

Miss BRUCE suggested that the Executive should consider the desirability of promoting a large gratuitous circulation of tracts.

Other suggestions tending to promote the usefulness of the Society were made, and will be duly considered at the meetings of the Executive during the year.

LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR 1883.

	£	s	d
Miss Aston,	0	2	6
Miss Barker,	0	5	0
Miss J. E. Bruce,	0	10	0
Mrs. Brydon,	0	5	0
Henry Burdon, M.D.,	0	5	0
Samuel Barry,	0	2	6
Mrs. Barry,	0	2	6
Samuel Bryson,	0	5	0
James Campbell,	0	10	0
N. A. Campbell,	0	2	6
A. M. Carlisle,	0	2	6
James Carr,	0	10	0
Miss Coe,	0	2	6
Mrs. Coleman,	0	5	0
Miss Coleman,	0	10	0
Sir E. P. Cowan, J.P.,	2	10	0
D. Carell,	0	10	0
F. E. Dale,	0	10	0
J. M. Darbishire,	1	0	0
Mrs. Darbishire,	0	5	0
Miss Darbishire,	0	5	0
W. C. Dobbin,	0	10	0
Miss Dobbin,	0	10	0
R. G. Dunville, J.P.,	0	10	0
James Davidson,	0	2	6
John Davidson,	0	2	6
Henry Ferguson,	0	10	0
George Fisher,	0	10	0
Miss K. M. Fisher,	0	5	0
Miss M. T. Fisher,	0	5	0
H. J. Fisher,	0	5	0
Miss L. E. Fisher,	0	5	0
Mrs. Frew,	0	2	6
Wm. Gibson,	0	13	0
R. W. Gordon, J.P.,	0	5	0
Alex. Gordon, M.D.,	0	5	0
Geo. Galloway,	0	3	0
John Greenfield,	1	0	0
E. J. Harland, J.P.,	1	1	0
Mrs. Hyndman,	0	10	0
Mrs. Hugh Hyndman,	0	10	0
Hugh Hyndman, LL.D.,	0	10	0
Dr. Hodges, J.P.,	0	4	0
G. G. Henderson,	0	5	0
Mrs. Henderson,	0	2	6
Augustus Jennings,	0	2	6
John Johnston,	0	2	6
R. M. Kennedy,	0	10	0
Alexander King,	0	5	0
James Kinnear,	0	2	6
J. W. Kinnear,	0	5	0
John Lees,	0	2	6
Mrs. Lipsey,	0	5	0
J. F. Lowry,	0	2	6
Miss Lowry,	0	2	6
Rev. A. Lancaster,	0	2	6
Mrs Malcolmson,	0	10	0
Miss Miniss,	0	2	6
John Montgomery,	0	2	6
D. W. Moore,	0	2	6
James Moore,	0	10	0
Samuel Moore,	0	2	6
William Moore,	0	5	0
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